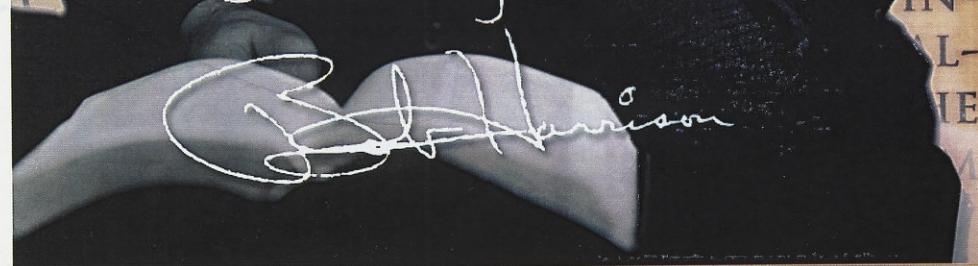


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ORDER OF SERVICE FOR  
**ROBERT E. HARRISON**

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

San Francisco Christian Center  
Rev. Roderick Gittens, Sr. Pastor

Pre-Service Music	<i>Mr. Luther Alman (Organist)</i>
Processional	<i>Family</i>
Opening Comments/Bob's Own Word	<i>Dr. Samuel M. Huddleston, Assistant District Superintendent*</i>
Scripture Reading Prov. 3:5-6	
Invocation	<i>Rev. Rod Platt, Pastor, Paradise Lutheran Church</i>
Congregational Singing	<i>Sister Betty Green</i>
General Council Greetings	<i>Rev. Malcolm Burleigh, US Missions, Director of Intercultural Ministries*</i>
	<i>Rev. Zollie Smith, Executive Director, US Missions*</i>
	<i>Dr. George O. Wood, General Superintendent* (video)</i>
Obituary/Poem	<i>Rev. Lenora Manion</i>
Musical Selection: Great is Thy Faithfulness	<i>Rev. David Harrison (son)</i>
District Council Greetings	<i>Rev. William Vickery, District Superintendent Emeritus*</i>
	<i>Dr. Jay Herndon, District Secretary-Treasurer*</i>
	<i>Rev. James R. Braddy, District Superintendent* (video)</i>

## OBITUARY

Robert Emanuel Harrison, known as Bob, was born in San Francisco, California on January 23, 1928 to Emanuel Augustus and Leona Schaeffer Harrison. He was the oldest of two children, having one sister, Florence.

Bob was educated in the public schools of San Francisco. He left high school to join the United States Army where he completed his high school education and was honorably discharged after one term of service. From there he enrolled in San Francisco State College, majoring in music and earning a B. A. degree. Just prior to graduation, at an evangelistic service, he put his trust in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He completed his formal education for the ministry at Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, California.

While at Bethany he gained valuable experience in speaking, singing, playing piano, as a valued representative of the school and a member of various ministry teams along with his fellow ministers-in-training.

He succeeded his grandmother, Rev. Cornelia Jones Robertson, affectionately known as "Mother Jones" as pastor of Emanuel Pentecostal Church serving approximately five years. He took special interest in the spiritual and social development of the young people. Beyond pastoring, he was Sunday School Teacher, Choir Director, Counselor, Pianist and Soloist.

At a church gathering in San Francisco, a young lady, visiting from Los Angeles caught his eye. The daughter of Pastor Roland Miller and his wife Betty, Marilyn Betty Miller, was beautiful and popular. By now Bob and his long time friend Emanuel Williams were traveling all over the state ministering in word and song. One of the invitations he enthusiastically accepted was from Pastor Miller. Marilyn had captured his heart and after a year of courtship, they were united in marriage in July 1952 and settled in San Francisco. During the first 8 years of this union four children were born. And they told everyone, "four and no more." But 9 years later, while serving as missionaries in the Philippines, their third and youngest son was conceived and then was born after their return to the States.

During his pastorate at Emanuel, he began his international ministry

with an evangelistic trip to Berlin, Germany where his singing, preaching and love for the people was warmly accepted and appreciated.

In the Winter of 1961-62 he joined Howard Jones under the auspices of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in a tour of ministry to Africa (Liberia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Ghana, and Nigeria). From this and having participated in Rev. Graham's 1958 San Francisco Crusade, he accepted the invitation of the BGEA to become an associate evangelist. Bob participated in the evangelistic crusades in 1962 (Chicago and Fresno), 1963 (Los Angeles), 1964 (Omaha, Boston and San Diego) and 1965 (Denver). While with the BGEA, the Assemblies of God approved his credential and licensed him to preach within their fellowship.

From 1965 to 1967, he continued to travel in partnership with the AG as well as Overseas Crusades. Through his association with OC, Dr Dick Hillis, who then headed that organization, invited Bob and his family to be short term missionaries in the Philippines. They moved to Manila in 1967 which was base of operations for the family until June of 1969. His globe trotting continued with his own crusades all over Asia and into Africa during this time.

He was known all over the world by now and in addition to speaking, singing, recording, and writing, he was conducting family and race relations seminars, exposing African American churches to missions opportunities they had not previously considered, pastored Maranatha Church in Portland, Oregon and at the conclusion of his ministry, directed an outreach ministry to those in need and in trouble in Oakland, California.

Rev. Bob Harrison gave his life to ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and song all over the world for 47 years.

After a long battle with Alzheimer's, Bob was received into heaven on March 4, 2012. He leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved wife of almost 60 years, Marilyn; three sons, Keith, David and Steven (spouse Naomi); two daughters, Carol and Adrienne (spouse Keith); five grandsons, Chris, Jonathan, Daniel, Keith, and Myles; four granddaughters, Nicole, Erin, Marissa and Emma; two great granddaughters, Avery and Morgan; sister Florence; three nieces, Renee (spouse George), Earsila and Tina; one nephew, Ernest and a host of other relatives and friends.

# MY MEMORIES OF BOB

Please use this space to share your stories with the family.

Recall by *Carol Davis* (daughter) *Bob Harmon* (son)

Bob's Ethical Leadership Principles

Bob's leadership principles were based on his personal values and principles.

Recall by *Carol Davis* (daughter) *Bob Harmon* (son)



Musical Selection: His Eye is on the Sparrow      *Keith Harrison (son)*

NCN Ethnic Leadership Presentation      *Rev. Dennis Conrad,  
District Director of Intercultural Ministries\**

Musical Selection      *Rev. Vaka Taimani,  
Pastor, First Tongan San Carlos, CA*

Special Remarks of One life Impacted by Bob      *Rev. Scott Peterson,  
Pastor, Church On the Hill, Vallejo, CA*

Musical Selection      *Carol Davis (daughter)*

Family/Friends Comments

Musical Selection: The Lord's Prayer      *Rev. David Harrison (son)*

Musical Selection: He Giveth More Grace      *Carol Davis (daughter)*

Eulogy      *Chaplain Emanuel L. Williams (Bob's oldest friend)*

Video Memories: This is Your Life

Musical Selection: I Can Only Imagine      *Keith Harrison (son)*

Closing Comments      *Bishop Donald E. Green,  
Pastor Emeritus, San Francisco Christian Center*

\*denotes Assemblies of God



**in memory**  
**January 23, 1928 - March 4, 2012**



BOB HARRISON



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## ROBERT (BOB) EMANUEL HARRISON MY TESTIMONY

Now in this world, I have finished my course;  
The Lord has been good to me;  
As I review my life during my sojourn here,  
I will share with you what I see.

I was born and reared in a Christian home;  
My parents loved the Lord;  
They were faithful examples of a godly life  
And taught us to live by God's word.

Although brought up to know the Lord,  
I decided to go my own way;  
But the Hand of God was upon me,  
It was only so far I could stray.

As a young man I set goals for myself;  
My aim-- to be a famous musician;  
But God in answer to the Prayers of the saints  
Brought me to a spiritual transition.

As I heard the word, my heart was convicted;  
I could not resist the call;  
I received Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord;  
He became my all in all.

Knowing the Lord had called me to the Ministry  
Would mean a time of preparation;  
I enrolled in Bethany Bible College for training  
To proclaim His Word to the nations.

In God's wisdom, He knew I should not be alone;  
He gave me a faithful and loving wife;  
A woman of prayer, anointed with wisdom and grace;  
She is the crown jewel of my life.

A Word to my family whom I cherish:  
Love and serve Jesus with all of your hearts;  
He will be the source of all that you need;  
And from you, He will never depart.

I am eternally grateful for God's goodness to me;  
He has blessed me to go to the nations;  
Preaching the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ;  
The true message of salvation.

To my colleagues in ministry-- you have stood with me;  
In the joys and trials I've been through;  
You have been friends and support par excellence;  
I will forever be grateful to you.

Now to all of you, I bid farewell,  
I will be waiting on heaven's shore,  
Where together, we will love and worship the Lord,  
And there will be no parting forevermore.

*Written by Lenora J. Manion  
March 14, 2012*